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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 1881

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR, EGEN
SUBJECT: PAN AM CONTRACT WITH AIR ZAIRE

REF: A) KINSHASA 1725; B) KINSHASA 1036

1. AS CONTEMPLATED REF (A) PAN AM SENT THE GOZ A LETTER PROPOS-
ING TWO YEAR PHASEOUT WHICH OUTLINED ADVANTAGES OF PHASEOUT AND
INHERENT RISKS IF CONTRACT TERMINATED ABRUPTLY. THE LETTER ALSO
MENTIONED PAN AM CONTRACT SAVINGS OF APPROXIMATELY \$1 MILLION.
NEVERTHELESS, MARCH 3 MOBUTU SENT WORD TO PAN AM VP RICE AND GATT
THAT DECISION TO TERMINATE CONTRACT AS OF END OF APRIL WAS
DEFINITELY FINAL. LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 3 PAN AM RECEIVED FORMAL
NOTIFICATION FROM GOZ MINISTER OF TRANSPORT THAT CONTRACT WILL
NOT BE RENEWED. EVENING MARCH 3 GOZ ANNOUNCED THAT GENERAL
MOLONGYA, FORMER STATE COMMISSIONER OF MINES, WOULD REPLACE GATT
AS NEW AIR ZAIRE DELEGATE GENERAL.

2. AFTERNOON MARCH 3 RICE TOLD MOST OF PAN AM EMPLOYEES OF AIR
ZAIRE (TOTAL IS 48) THAT CONTRACT WILL NOT BE RENEWED AND THAT
PHASEOUT WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK. HE STATED THAT ALL PAN AM EMPLOYEES
WOULD BE RETAINED BY PAN AM PROVIDED THAT THEY CONTINUED TO
PERFORM WELL DURING DIFFICULT PHASEOUT PERIOD. HE EMPHASIZED
THAT IT WAS VERY MUCH IN PAN AM'S BEST INTEREST THAT TURNOVER
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BE AS SMOOTH AS POSSIBLE.

3. RICE TOLD US THAT AIR ZAIRE OPERATIONS DURING TERMINATION
PERIOD SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE EFFICIENT BUT THAT HE EXPECTED
QUALITY OF AIR ZAIRE SERVICE TO DETERIORATE RAPIDLY THEREAFTER.

4. AMBASSADOR AGREED WITH RICE THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT

TRANSITION BE HARMONIOUS. HE AGAIN ADVISED (SEE REF A) THAT PAN
AM SHOULD CAREFULLY DOCUMENT THE RECORD SO AS TO PROTECT
THEMSELVES AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE ALLEGATIONS AS TO FINANCIAL
IRREGULARITIES OR OTHER CHARGES. THIS WILL BE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT
IF THE QUALITY OF SERVICE AND SAFETY STANDARDS SHOULD DETERIORATE.
RICE AGREED AND STATED THAT THIS WAS BEING DONE.
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